

REMARKS

This is in response to the official action dated June 3, 2008. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 are pending, with Claims 1-18 being allowable, and Claims 19 and 22-26 being rejected and Claims 20, 21 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 19, 22, 24 and 25 as being anticipated by Sanchez et al (US 4,758,320). Applicant has amended claim 19 with allowable subject matter of claim 20, and accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 19 is also now allowable. Further, claim 21 is now dependent on claim 19 and should also be allowable. Thus, the rejection under 35 USC §102 has been overcome.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 19, 22, 24 and 25 as being unpatentable over Sanchez in view of Ogle et al. (US 2003/0019753). The Examiner rejected claim 23 as being unpatentable over Sanchez or Sanchez in view of Ogle, and in further view of Gritzner (US 4,043,895). In addition, the Examiner rejected claim 26 as being unpatentable over Sanchez or Sanchez in view of Ogle, and in further view of Ahlgreen et al (US 4,043,896).

Applicant has amended claim 19 with allowable subject matter of claim 20, and accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 19 is also now allowable.

Further, claim 21 is now dependent on claim 19 and should also be allowable. The remaining claims are also dependent directly or indirectly from allowable claim 19 and should also now be allowable. Thus, the rejections under 35 USC §103 have been overcome.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in the condition of allowance.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fee or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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